

Mason County Parks and Trails
Advisory Board Meeting
County Building #1
November 12, 2007

Board Members Present

The following Advisory Board Members were present: Susan Baker, Oscar Larson, Billie Schmidt, Arvilla Ohlde, Linda Archambeau, Frank Benavente.

Excused: Mike Jensen, John Eaton

Staff present: John Keates

Motion: Motion as made by Oscar Larson and seconded by Frank Benavente to accept the meeting minutes from the September 11, 2007 Park Board meeting. The motion carried 6-0.

Motion: A motion was made by Susan Baker and seconded by Billie Schmidt to adopt the meeting agenda for the November 12 Park Board meeting. The motion carried 6-0.

Guests Present

None

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Public Comment:

None

Old Business:

- Mason Lake Property: Keates informed Park Board members that the appraisal for the property came back at \$625,000, but that the County was still not in a position to sell it. Park Board members expressed their desire for the County to not sell the property and leave it as a public park. Questions were raised on whether the Simpson Park could ever become a public park and also whether any development was planned for the Green Diamond property across the road from the Mason Lake property?
Motion: A motion was made by Susan Baker to take the park off the surplus status and keep the park as public property. Arvilla Ohlde seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.
- Latimers Landing: Keates informed that board that the Commissioners have awarded a bid to Quigg Brothers Construction in the amount of \$891,038.25 to complete the Latimers Landing Boat Launch Project, including the float, dock, pier, and ramp.
- Grant update: Keates informed the Park Board that three grants have been awarded to the County. Latimers Landing acquisition (\$363,000), Mason Lake Boat Ramp Renovation Design and Planning (\$50,000), Camp Govey Trail Design and Planning (\$50,000).
- Sandhill Park Project: Billie Schmidt informed the Park Board that the Boys and Girls Club is attempting to locate their building for the before and afterschool program on school property first, not park property.

- Watson Wildwood Park: Keates presented a draft Memorandum of Agreement that could be used to jointly develop a disc golf course at Watson Wildwood Park. Keates then asked the Park Board feelings regarding that proposal. All Park Board members felt that the County needs to follow a process to determine the future of the park. A plan is needed! A good start would be going to the Victor Improvement Club. The Park Board felt uncomfortable reacting first to the Watson Wildwood property without more public process and involvement.
- Foothills Park: Keates explained the recent cooperative project between Western Washington University and Mason County regarding a park design for Foothills Park. Nine concepts have been developed that will be shared with the Hoodspout Community in January.

New Business:

- Trails Plan: A draft of the trails plan was presented to the Park Board. Keates asked that the members review it and forward any comments.
- Allyn Property: Keates told the Park Board that he and Nicole Hill from the Cascade Land Conservancy were working on a potential 17 acre property acquisition near Allyn on North Bay Road. The owner had contacted the County about possible property conservation.
- Mason County ORV: Keates informed the Park Board that both the Mason County Sheriff and Tahuya State Forest Education and Enforcement programs had been lost due to lack of grant funding.
- Sandhill and MCRA Fees: Keates told the Park Board that he intended to present some fee amendments at the January 2008 meeting.

Correspondence – Good of the order: None

Motion. Motion was made by Frank Benavente and seconded by Billie Schmidt to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.